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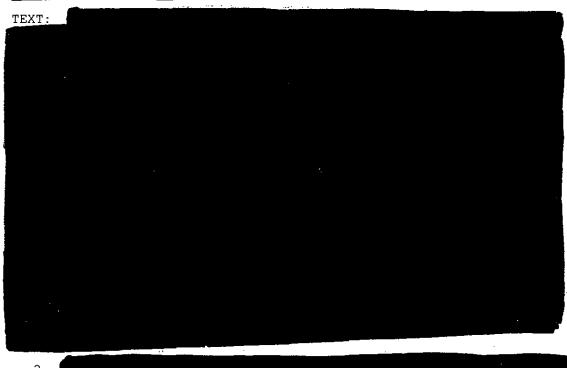
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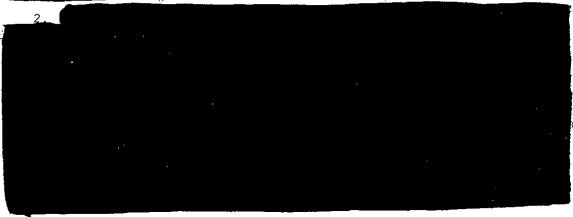
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IF PINOCHET RECEIVES A "NO" VOTE, AND IS REJECTED AT THE POLLS, THE MILITARY WILL FOLLOW THE CONSTITUTION AND SUPPORT THE TRANSITION PROCESS TOWARD DEMOCRACY.

THE MILITARY WILL DEMAND NO GUARANTEES FROM A CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT, STATING THAT THERE IS AN AMNESTY LAW WHICH WOULD PROTECT THE MILITARY FROM ANY SUBSEQUENT "WITCH HUNT" REGARDING ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES ATTRIBUTED TO ACTIONS TAKEN FOLLOWING THE 1973 OUSTER OF PRESIDENT SALVADOR ((ALLENDE)).

ONLY TWO SCENARIOS WOULD PROMPT THE MILITARY TO RETAIN POWER. BOTH POSSIBILITIES HINGE ON CIVIL DISORDER LEADING TO SOCIAL UNREST THE FIRST SCENARIO WOULD INVOLVE A SUCCESSFUL ASSASSINATION OF PINOCHET BY THE RADICAL LEFT. THE MILITARY WOULD, STICK WITH THEIR PLEDGE TO SUPPORT THE TRANSITION, BUT IF DURING THE PROCESS THE LEFT BECOMES MILITANT, THE MILITARY WILL HAVE NO OTHER RECOURSE THAN TO DELAY DEMOCRATIZATION. THE OTHER SCENARIO ONE IN WHICH THERE IS A "NO" VOTE, AND THE EXTREME LEFT DESTABILIZES THE OPPOSITION PARTIES, SPECIFICALLY THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, TO THE POINT THAT THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS LOSE CONTROL OVER THEIR MEMBERS AND THE RESULTS ARE MAJOR CIVIL DISORDERS LEADING TO ANARCHY SIMILAR TO THE 1973 ERA.

